

in high positions within the party doing the same work as other party activists which could be a good lesson for our politicians on how to motivate people to work for you? WELL, WORK WITH THEM! DON'T EXPECT THEM TO WORK INSTEAD OF YOU! (we could, off course, go on but we'll save some of that for our lazy politicians).

### *Day 3*

On Tuesday, we started by meeting the President of the Liberal Party of Canada, Senator Dan Hays. He introduced us to the internal party organization on both national and provincial levels, and to the means of internal party communications. The interesting information was that Provincial Liberal Parties function very independent of one another and of Liberal Party of Canada. That is something particular for Canada, being such a big country, but the message we could pick up was that centralized party organization is not a very smart political investment because the real nature of representative democracy has to stay close to the people it represents. He also explained to us the purpose and functioning of the Senate. The Senate, as an appointed institution is more a part of political tradition than of modern democratic decision making process.

One part of the group got a chance to see Parliament from a different view, the journalist's prospective. They spent the day with journalist Wayne Kondro, correspondent covering the Parliament, and he explained the methods they used in working with politicians. The rest of the group in the meantime met with Leader of New Democratic Party Ms. Alexa McDonough. The meeting was interesting for several reasons: because of the fact that Ms. McDonough is a woman leader of one of the major opposition parties in Canada, as well as the because of the detailed explanation she gave us on the purpose and existence of an opposition party that has no chance of becoming the ruling party. As a left oriented party, the NDP fulfills it's role as the social conscience of Canadian society. Their voters come from the working class so the issues the party deals with are focused on that part of the population. That's a very good example for us and our political parties that still don't see the purpose of finding their target groups and focusing on a few relevant issues in their campaigns. That would also help the parties to differentiate themselves from the other political parties. We are still in situation that all parties have their opinion on every issue which they want to present to every voter.

### *Day 4*

First hours of the working day were used for the meeting with one of the parliamentary parties in Canada – The Progressive Conservative Party (PC) and their National Director Mr. Ross Reid. Mr. Reid is familiar with NDI work, because he worked for NDI in the former Yugoslavia. Interesting item of this meeting was the fact that this party had been the ruling party until 1993, when they suffered a catastrophic defeat. Mr. Ross Reid has the impossible task of reorganizing the party as well as preparing it for next elections. Also, this party is in the center of attention, because their leader Jean Charest is preparing for transfer to Liberal Party in Quebec, where he has a great deal of popularity among Franco phones in Quebec. The PC's is a party that is interesting for us because they are starting from the beginning. In process of